



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

First and foremost I hope that you and your family had a great festive season and may I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year. It's been a super start to 2020 with our children looking smart, eager to learn and a number of 'Spectacular Starts' taking place. Let's catch up on all the news as well as what we can look forward to during Term 3.

OPJS Update

- 📌 Well done to the kitchen team for a super Christmas lunch which was also followed by some very entertaining parties!
- 📌 Our amazing 'It's Christmas!' performance raised £568 for our Community Defibrillator Fund so we're well on the way! Many thanks for your generosity and do look out for more events and activities as we aim to raise £2000. On that, it is only 9 weeks until the Bath Half Marathon and I'll be putting on those old and smelly trainers this year in aid of the British Heart Foundation as well as raising further money for our community defibrillator.
- 📌 Our last day of term was rather busy to say the least! We all donned our Christmas jumpers and raised over £150 for Save the Children, there were some cracking Christmas Competitions entries and, how could we forget, the amazing 'OPJS Got Talent'! What a great show and well done to all the finalists and HUGE congratulations to Daisy for a mesmerising and winning performance. A snapshot of all the performers as well as the star guest judges is above.
- 📌 The vast majority of extra-curricular clubs, nigh on forty by the last count, are pretty much up and running. There's still some spaces in a number of clubs and do have a look at the timetable and let Steve in the School Office know. On that, many thanks to all the club providers as well as to Mr Newman and Steve for pulling it all together.
- 📌 I had the great pleasure of accompanying last term's Learning Heroes down to Oldfield Park Bookshop followed by a cuppa. Well done to them and all thoroughly deserve their well-earned prize. A snapshot is opposite.
- 📌 Keep an eye out for the 2020 residential Survey and I would be grateful if you could fill it in and return to school as soon as possible.



Severe Weather Procedures

- ☒ With Winter upon us, we may just see a repeat of what happened last year and experience some severe wintry or bad weather. If it does take a turn for the worst we will take all possible action to stay open during bad weather conditions such as snow and ice. However, the combination of bad road and pavement conditions both around the school and further out can make it difficult for many members of staff to reach school and affect the safety of the children both on and off the site.
- ☒ The decision to open or close will take into account how safe it is for both staff and children to travel to school; the condition of the site and surrounding areas; the number of staff who can reach school and advice from the Palladian Academy Trust.
- ☒ In making the decision I will also liaise with Mrs McMurtry at Oldfield Park Infant School and take into account the conditions affecting both schools. We will try and make the decision between 6am and 6.30am so it will be based on information available at that time. On that, the decision may be to open the school later than usual. This decision has been made in the past to enable staff to reach school once road conditions have improved. It also gave us the time we needed to prepare the site for the children to ensure their safety. If this decision is made, please do not bring children in before the announced time as we cannot guarantee that adequate supervision will be available. Once a definite decision has been made we will send a text message and update the website.

Website Upgrade

After many years we will be upgrading our much loved website by the end of the month. We are in the process of putting the finishing touches and I have to say it does look rather splendid. Our domain name will remain the same and I'll be in touch closer to the time of launch!

Dates for the Diary

Here's some of the key dates for this term:

- ☒ **Tuesday 14th January: OPJS PTA Meeting at Velo Lounge 6pm onwards**
- ☒ **Wednesday 15th January: OPJS Girls' FC v Chandag Girls FC in BPSFA Cup**
- ☒ **Friday 24th January: Wear Gold and Green Aussie Mufti**
As you are no doubt aware Australia is experiencing unprecedented hardship due to the bushfires. Indeed, there has been loss of life, wildlife decimated and considerable land lost. A number of children have approached me to see what we can do and given that we also have a number of families with Australian relatives, we will be raising money for the bushfire fund. Your child may wear a splash of green and gold all for a £1 which will go towards this very important cause. Finally, the date ties in nicely as it is Australia Day on Sunday 26th January.
- ☒ **Friday 7th February: INSET Day**
- ☒ **Friday 14th February: End of Term 3**
- ☒ **Monday 24th February: Start of Term 4**
- ☒ **Monday 9th March: INSET Day**
- ☒ **Friday 3rd April: End of Term 4**



And finally,

Many thanks for reading the first issue of our OPJS Newsletter for 2020 and, indeed, the decade! Here's to a super year and many thanks for your continued support.

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.